

SENATOR SAVAGE PRESIDING

SENATOR SAVAGE: Next bill is 958.

CLERK: Mr. President, there are E & R amendments to LB 958.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I move the E & R amendments to LB 958 be adopted.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Is there any discussion? All those in favor say aye. Opposed vote nay. The amendments are adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Warner now offers Appropriation Committee amendments to LB 958.

SENATOR SAVAGE: The Chair recognizes Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, again I think I can move adoption of all of the amendments with one motion. There are eleven amendments appearing on the handout that you have. The first one as is indicated there is to make it correct in... incidentally this is the intent bill so again there would be no impact on the General Fund or additional authorization of expenditures of funds from these amendments. Number one again, is to correct some drafting and computation errors that are contained in the intent bill and it would be consistent with the amendments adopted on the other bill, 954. The second amendment is new language which is consistent with some later language that I will point out. Senator Cullan, you were asking the other day specifically about some of the language relative to the state colleges which prohibited or rather indicated a number of different positions which we had not funded and normally we do not do this with most agencies and we have stricken all of that language. If you will look at page two of the amendments here of seven, eight, nine and ten, it strikes all of that language indicating what would not be funded, a series of different positions which we did not fund but included are certain...these things are additional information that we feel ought to be retained. The first one is that there are no funds appropriated within here for admission recruiters. Number three, the amendment here is as you read the intent of the Legislature, is that the Board of Trustees shall, that is the state college system shall spend funds for instructional improvements according to guidelines and procedures adopted by the Board of Trustees and that is relative to the discretionary fund that the Board of Trustees have to be distributed to the various agencies, the same approach that was used last year. Amendment number four is relative to some reports that are requested in the language here had included for next year and each year thereafter and each year thereafter was inappropriate. It should not be there and was stricken. We only need the report for the next year. Amendment number five, again is language affecting the Board of Trustees but in part of...because of deleting the other language that is deleted, it indicated the Board of Trustees by October 1, would submit to the Clerk of the Legislature the procedures that they are using to insure compliance with the Legislative intent that will remain within the intent bill. Amendment number six relative to the cash fund estimates for the four state colleges requesting that they will again be reporting to the Clerk of the Legislature and to DAS budget division on any revisions that are made in those cash fund estimates so that information will be on hand. Then as I have indicated, amendments seven, eight, nine and ten, each